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2nd Arrest In Political Burglaries

A man named by political burglar Jerome Ducote as an accomplice in a number of document burglaries in the late 1960s was arrested in San Jose yesterday on four counts of burglary.

He is Henry Scherling, described as being in his 30s, who moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, shortly after the burglaries took place.

In the complaint filed yesterday by the Santa Clara county district attorney's office, Scherling is charged with burglaries at the San Jose Peace Center and the Palo Alto Peace Center in the late '60s.

He is also charged with participating in burglaries at the homes of Virginia Muir and Grace McDonald, who then edited a farm labor publication.

Assistant District Attorney Ken Robinson said the statute of limitations does not apply to Scherling, as it does to Ducote, because Scherling left California less than three years after the burglaries took place.

Ducote, 46, a former Santa Clara county sheriff's deputy, has implicated Scherling in a number of political burglaries in Santa Clara county, Kern county, Santa Cruz county and in Chicago.

Ducote, who is facing trial in San Jose on 15 counts of grand theft, told investigators the political burglaries were financed by large growers fighting Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers.